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USE OF THE SAIGA ANTELOPE
Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 26-29 October 2015

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(as at 12 October 2015)

**TECHNICAL WORKSHOP FOR SAIGA ANTELOPE EXPERTS AND
THIRD MEETING OF THE SIGNATORY STATES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING
CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE SAIGA ANTELOPE (*Saiga Spp.*)**

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Date/Time	Agenda items and Activities	Documents	Annotations
Monday 26 October			
0830	Registration		
0900-1800	Saiga Technical Workshop	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.15	See separate agenda and programme.
1830-2030	Optional side-event (tbc)		
Tuesday 27 October			
0900-1800	Saiga Technical Workshop	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.15	See separate agenda and programme.
1900	Heads of delegation meeting with the CMS Secretariat		This brief 1-hour meeting followed by an informal dinner will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship of the MOU meeting, rules of procedure, meeting flow and other organisational matters.
Wednesday 28 October	Day 1: Third Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>)		
0800	Registration		Delegates are kindly requested to pick up their badges.

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Morning 0900-1030	Agenda items 1.0 - 7.0		
	1.0 Welcoming remarks		A representative from the State Committee for Nature Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan will open the meeting. Representatives of the CMS (Marco Barbieri) and CITES Secretariats (Tom de Meulenaer) will provide some introductory remarks.
	2.0 Election of officers		The meeting will be invited to elect a chairman from among the representatives of the Signatory States in attendance. Expected outcome: Chairman elected.
	3.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.1/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.2/Rev.2 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.3/Rev.4	The meeting will be invited to agree informal rules of procedure. The documents list for the meeting will be introduced. The meeting will also be invited to review the draft provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Expected outcome: Informal rules of procedure agreed; agenda and meeting schedule adopted.
	4.0 Opening statements		It is <u>not</u> envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting. However, governmental delegates may wish to make brief opening statements (no more than 1-2 minutes) to indicate any support or assistance (financial or in-kind) their country has provided or intends to provide towards the MOU's implementation. Observers will also be invited to make short (1-2 minute) interventions.
	5.0 Summary of the Technical Meeting (26-27 October)	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.16	Prof. E.J. Milner-Gulland, co-convenor of the preceding Saiga Technical Workshop, will be invited to make a short summary of the workshop's outcomes and recommendations to the MOU meeting
	6.0 Report of the Secretariat		
	6.1 Status of implementation	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.4 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.6	The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's brief report, presented by Natalya Yakusheva, concerning the status of signatures and implementation efforts. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's

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		UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.2	report.
	6.2 List of designated national contact points	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.6 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.7	The meeting will be invited to consider a list of officially designated national contact points and provide any updated information. Expected outcome: Information in the list of officially designated national contact points is confirmed or updated information is provided.
	6.3.Presentation and discussion of the Resolution 11.24 The Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) and its Programme of Work (POW 2014-2020)	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.19	The CMS Secretariat will present Resolution 11.24 The Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) and its Programme of Work (POW 2014-2020) adopted by the CMS COP11 with emphasis on synergies and shared approaches relevant to implementation of the Saiga MOU. The meeting will be invited to share brief reflections and suggestions about the further development of the CAMI, including lessons learnt from the Saiga MOU. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's presentation. Recommendations for CAMI development relevant to saiga conservation are made.
	6.4. Presentation of the Guidelines on Mitigating the Impact of Linear Infrastructure and Related Disturbance on Mammals in Central Asia	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.20	The CMS Secretariat will present an overview of the Guidelines on Mitigating the Impact of Linear Infrastructure and Related Disturbance on Mammals in Central Asia adopted by the CMS COP11 and how these are relevant to saiga conservation. The meeting will be invited to report on the status of national implementation and share their views. This session will benefit from a session on the same subject at the Technical Workshop. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's presentation, discusses how and where infrastructure such as railways and roads can have an impact on saiga antelopes and how this can be resolved.
	6.5 Any other matters		Any other additional matters relevant to the Secretariat's reports may be presented to the meeting.
1030-1100	Coffee-break		
1100-12.30	7.0 Reports on MOU implementation (including agenda items 7.1 - 7.5)	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.9 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.10	Saiga antelope Signatories (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), non-Signatories countries (China), the CITES Secretariat, and Co-operating organizations will have the possibility of making brief verbal

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		UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.11 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.13 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.14.1/Rev.2 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.14.2/Rev.1	<p>reports (no more than 10 minutes each) to share (a) highlights on their saiga-related activities in support of the MOU and Medium Term International Work Programme (2011- 2015) implementation, (b) major problems/gaps in their implementation and (c) their priority activities for the next five years. The use of a PowerPoint presentation is encouraged, with a preference for English as one of the official working languages of the Convention (simultaneous interpretation into Russian will be provided). The report on the MOU coordination will be presented by ACBK and SCA.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on initiatives undertaken by countries and organizations; implementation gaps by country and possible means to fill gaps are identified; country-level priorities for the next five years identified.</p>
1230-1400	Lunch break		
Afternoon 1400-1530	Agenda item 7.0 (continued as needed) - 11.0		
	7.0 Reports on MOU implementation (including agenda items 7.1 - 7.5) (continued)		
	8.0 Update and review of the conservation status of the Saiga within the agreement area		
	8.1 Saiga Antelope conservation status within the agreement area	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.6 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.14.1/Rev.2 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.14.2/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.15	<p>Prof. E.J. Milner-Gulland will introduce that portion of the Overview Report addressing the conservation status of the saiga antelope. Interventions on the relevant outcomes from the Technical Workshop for the saiga experts may be invited. After this comments from the Signatories, non-Signatories, Co-operating organizations and other observers will be invited. Conclusions will be drawn.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Overview Report on conservation status; meeting provides additional information and guidance on how report could be improved if necessary; information will be shared on the conservation status</p>

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		UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.16	of the saiga antelope. The Revised Overview Report produced following the meeting's deliberations is intended to be an official reference for the conservation status of the saiga antelope.
	8.2 Status of implementation	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.5 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.6 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.10 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.12 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.13 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.14.1/ Rev.2 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.14.2/ Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.15 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.17 UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.22	<p>The Overview Report summarizes the information received and available as of August 2015 with regard to the status of the MOU's implementation. Doc.6 provides a summary of the degree of progress made in each key area of the Medium Term International Work Programme (MTIWP). It is proposed that the authors of the report provide a brief summary taking also into account the relevant outcomes of the Technical Workshop and drawing conclusions as necessary. The meeting will be invited to comment as appropriate.</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to consider how best to measure progress under the MOU and MTIWP.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MOU and MTIWP implementation and further refinements made.</p>
1530-1600	Coffee-break		
Afternoon (continue) 1600-1800	9.0 Review of the updated National Report Format	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.8/ Rev.1	<p>The CMS Secretariat will present a draft updated National Report Format. The Second Meeting of Signatories in 2010 had called for a revision. The meeting is invited to express its comments and remarks.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The updated National Report Format is adopted by the meeting.</p>
	10.0 Review and adoption of 2016-2020 MTIWP	UNEP/CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Doc.7	The Signatories will be invited to consider the draft Medium-Term International Work Programme for the period 2016-2020 as a tool to support the further implementation of the MOU. An

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			<p>intervention on the relevant outcomes from the Technical Workshop for the saiga experts will be invited.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Medium-Term International Work Programme endorsed.</p>
Thursday 29 October	Day 2		
Morning 0900-1200	Agenda items 11.0-14.0		
	11.0 Signing ceremony		<p>Organizations that have illustrated their commitment in advance of the MOS3 to become Co-operating organizations are invited to sign the MOU.</p>
	12.0 Next Meeting of the Signatories		<p>The Signatories will be invited to consider the desirability of continuing to hold future stand-alone MOU meetings, as well as the technical workshop. Financial implications will be considered. The periodicity of meetings and a possible date for the next meeting of the Signatories will be discussed. Finally, expressions of interest to host the next MOU meeting and Technical Workshop will be considered, along with any other pledges for financial or in-kind support.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Recommendations made on whether the next meeting should be a stand-alone meeting and whether the technical workshop should be continued; cost implications noted; the general periodicity of MOU meetings considered; tentative date set for the next Meeting of the Signatories and any expressions of interest to host the next meeting welcomed along with any other pledges for financial or in-kind support.</p>
	13.0 Any other business		<p>The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.</p>
	14.0 Closure of the meeting		
1200-1300	Coffee-break		

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1400-1730	Side-event SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE AWARDS EVEN, including winners of the UWFWS-funded Small Grants and the Young Conservation Leaders		Please see separate programme. Note on the venue: HOTEL UZBEKISTAN, TASHKENT